

Hello,

I am Leah Hanrahan, from Oakdale, CT, and am writing in opposition to SB 1105. Only those qualified to give behavior analytic services should be giving them, not anyone with a certification in other fields. There are already not enough SLPs and special education teachers to meet the needs of Connecticut, so they should not be used in an area where they have never shown competency.

Having improper training often may cause children with special needs to regress instead of to move forward. This is not only a problem for those individuals, but can cause more of a problem for the state, by requiring more long term care and added cost of treatment later in life.

I have several relatives with autism, and am on my track to becoming certified in behavior analysis. I definitely believe that this bill could be harmful for the children involved, and I oppose it very strongly.

Thank you
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